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Booth, McMillan, Lindsey, Longley Elected

Special Cars For San Antonio Scheduled

Trains To Houston, Dallas Leave Saturday

Angell Urges Cadets to Buy Tickets Immediately; No Tickets on Regular Trains

Although no special train can be run to San Antonio this week because of the lack of an available locomotive, special cars will be attached to the Southern Pacific 11:27 p.m. regular passenger train Saturday night, E. L. Angell, executive assistant to the president, said yesterday.

Specials to Dallas and Houston will leave College Station at 2 p.m. Saturday, arriving in Houston and Dallas at 4 and 6:15 respectively.

Angell urges that all students planning on riding any of these trains buy their tickets as early as possible, especially if you are going to San Antonio on the special section of the regular train. This is necessary so the passenger agent will know how many extra cars will be required.

Students riding the Dallas or Houston specials may return on any regular train before Sunday, December 27, but if they wait until that Sunday, they must return on the specials.

Tickets can not be bought on the regular Sunbeams Saturday, and Angell asks that students do not even try to buy tickets for the Sunbeam, either north or south, as some of the coaches are being taken off of the Sunbeams for the specials.

"The main thing we want now is for those students planning to go to San Antonio, or to Dallas or Houston, to buy their tickets immediately," he said.

Dallas Club To Have Christmas Dance December 23

December 23 in the Adolphus Hotel ball room the Dallas A.&M. club will hold a Christmas dance for all Dallas Aggie residents and friends. There are no dues in the Dallas A.&M. club; all Aggies living in Dallas, are members. The dance will be from 9:15 to 1 o'clock.

Annual Christmas Dinner Will Be Held Friday Evening at 7:15

Sbisa's banquet hall will be the scene of the A&M College Annual Staff Christmas dinner to be given tomorrow evening at 7:15 honoring employees that have served 25 years with the college, stated an announcement made by the office of the president yesterday.

Dr. F. M. Law, president of the Board of Directors, will make the presentation of the citations to all the employees that have reached their 25th year of continuous service to the college. Also presented the honorees will be a walking cane with an engraved A.M.C. close to the handle.

Dr. T. O. Walton, college President, will make his annual Christ-

Mint Director Urges Students To Circulate Coins

States That Money Hidden Away Is Taking Needed Materials From Army

A shortage of critical metals of the types used in coins has prompted Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the United States mint, to ask in a letter to Dr. T. O. Walton, college president, that the following message be put before the cadet corps:

"All of you have been reading, I know, of the critical shortage in this country of certain metals that are now acutely needed for cart-

ridges, ships, airplanes, the big guns, and much other equipment our fighting men must have to win the war.

"In this connection I lay before you a way in which you young people in the schools, in cooperation with us of the Mint, can render a service so important as really to drive a shaft into the armor of the Germans and the Japs; and that is by assisting in our undertaking to get back into circulation the idle coins that are lying hidden in piggy banks, sugar bowls, glass jars, boxes and bureau drawers in homes all over the country, tying up priceless metals.

"The point is this—for every penny or five-cent piece hidden away, the Mint must use scarce metals to make another to replace it, so great is now the demand for these small coins, especially for the penny. Last year we made 1 billion 437 million pennies. Into that one denomination alone, went 4600 tons of copper, not to mention the tin and zinc. All three of those metals are now on the critical list, sorely needed for war purposes.

"It appears that there is scarcely a family in the country in which some member is not saving pennies (See MINT, on Page 4)

Longhorn Staff at Work



Part of the 1943 Longhorn staff in an unposed picture taken in the publications office. Seated, left to right, are Johnny Longley, Editor; Russ Jones, Junior Editor; and Harry Saunders. Standing, is Marvin McMillan, newly-elected editor.

Marshall Reassures Enlisted Reserves; Nothing Definite on Call of Enlistees

States That Action If Any, Will Be Delayed Until Feb

"Members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps should not believe any statements made, possibly prematurely, until confirmation through official channels is obtained," was the reassuring statement made late yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel L. W. Marshall, recruiting officer, regarding the war department announcement that college reservists would be called to active duty "within a few weeks."

It will be probably two weeks before the enlistment papers of the reservists sworn in here in the

ties, that college students in the last several weeks can be sent in to the Eighth Service Command in Dallas and the War Department in Washington. Then it will be a process of several weeks more before those papers can be properly gone over, checked, and double checked, and filed. After all these processes are completed actual calling for active service will be considered. Therefore, in all likelihood, it will be well into February before any possible action could be taken on reservists enlisted here recently, according to informed sources.

There is a definite possibility, according to announcements made previously by Washington authori-

Official Confirmation Hasn't Been Received Here From War Dept

ERC after being taken in the army might be reassigned to some college, possibly at the same college they were attending at the time of their being called.

"The important point to bear in mind at the present," states Colonel Marshall, "is that it doesn't seem logical that the army would go to the trouble they have to recruit thousands of college students just to call them to active service immediately. It would be infinitely simpler to induct them through selective service boards, saving all ERC enlistment red tape."

Annual Faculty and Community Christmas Tree to Be Held 24th

The annual faculty and community Christmas tree party, held traditionally on the night before Christmas, will again take place this year, according to Mrs. P. G. Haines, in charge of arrangements for the party. This year the tree will be in the Mess hall at 7:00 in the evening on December 24th.

No special program has been planned; it will be an informal affair with the singing of Christmas carols and a general community gathering to be enjoyed by all who attend.

Waco Club Will Issue Tickets Tonight

Tickets for the Waco A&M Club party will be issued at the meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Academic building, room 110. All members are urged to attend this meeting as it will be difficult to obtain tickets to the party other than tonight.

Health Should Be Checked Constantly

It has been reliably estimated that within a year approximately one-third of the total number of 180,000 physicians in the United States will have left their practice to serve with the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. This deficiency in medical attention available to the general population will be even greater than it appears on the surface inasmuch as a large number of those remaining are not in active practice due to old age, teaching or public health activities, or full-time employment with industry. Plainly, this situation develops a problem for the physicians who will remain at home, the solution of which to some degree will be in the hands of the general public, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"There is no desire to imply that the family physician, now or later, must not be summoned except in dire need. In fact, there is a great-

Mayo Thanks Mothers Clubs for Donations

Dr. T. F. Mayo, librarian, said in a statement to the Battalion that he wished to express his appreciation to the Port Arthur Beaumont, and Capitol A.&M. Mothers' clubs for their gifts to the library. Through their generosity the corps is able to enjoy even more enlightening reading material, which the Library Committee would ordinarily be unable to procure, according to Dr. Mayo.

Christmas Trees Can Be Obtained at YMCA

Military organizations which have not yet had their Christmas party may obtain Christmas trees at the YMCA by signing them out for the night of the party, stated M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA.

Since only 15 trees are available, organizations are requested to return the trees immediately after their party so other organizations can use them.

Parker, Brauchle In Run Off For Social Sec'y

Response Weak in General Election; Jr Yell Leaders Elected Tonight at Eight

"Shorty" Booth has been elected head yell leader by a vote of 472 to Billy McKenzie's 193, announced the Student Election Committee Tuesday night as the ballots were tabulated. Joe Dan Longley won over Bob Garrett for junior representative of the Student Activities Committee by a vote of 404 to 256.

Marvin McMillan edged out H. W. Sanders for Longhorn editor by 157 to 73 votes, while John H. Lindsey easily took the majority over his two opponents, W. P. Kincaid and Edward Hiltbold with 144 votes to their combined 84.

Saddle and Sirloin Elects New Officers

Marvin McMillan to be New President for Coming Term

At the regular meeting of the Saddle and Sirloin club held last Tuesday night, Marvin McMillan, Jr., H Infantry, was elected to serve as president for the coming school year as the club chose new officers for next term. McMillan served as secretary of the club this year, and is the newly elected editor of the 1944 Longhorn.

Other officers elected were: Wilburn Hahn, vice-president; Victor Lehmborg, secretary; Jim McCutcheon, treasurer; and Rusty Peters, reporter. J. P. Miller was selected to be the Rodeo Director, Vance Carrington to be Marshal, and Johnny Zummo as Social Secretary.

Also at the meeting plans were discussed concerning the freshman and sophomore livestock judging contests, and arrangements were made for the Cattleman's Ball.

Five Fire Department Officers Hired Here

Five outstanding fire department officers have been employed by the Industrial Extension Training Service in cooperation with the State Board for Vocational Education to instruct the fire department training programs held here at A&M. The five instructors are: H. A. Davis of El Paso; A. L. Rathke of San Antonio; J. R. Dobson of Corpus Christi; J. R. Dickhout of Dallas and R. E. Akin of Beaumont.

Dr K M Curts Leaves for Duty

Dr. K. M. Curts, instructor in Veterinary Anatomy, will leave today for active duty at Camp Wallace. He holds a second lieutenant commission in the Coast Artillery branch. Dr. Curts graduated from A. & M. in 1940; he started as instructor in veterinary anatomy in September, 1941. During his senior year, he was president of the Singing Cadets.

Ordnance Applications Are Due December 19

As announced in Tuesday's Battalion applications for contracts in the Ordnance Department will be accepted through December 19, according to Major Donald D. Alexander, senior instructor of ordnance.

Juniors taking any engineering course except Agriculture or Industrial Engineering are eligible for ordnance commissions.

Bob Parker lacked a majority vote in the race for Social Secretary with Rodney Brauchle and Ray H. Darr. Parker lead with 110 votes to Brauchle's 89 and Darr's 30. Juniors will vote again today for a run-off. Ballots will be handled as previously done in

Juniors may vote today for Social Secretary. Polls in the Academic Building will be open from 9 to 1 and from 2 to 6. September registration slips must be presented.

the Academic building from 9 to 1 and 2 to 6:30. Juniors are urged to take off a few seconds to vote in this run-off, considering how weak the twelfth man's response was to the primary elections in general. September yellow registration slips will be required again for all junior voting.

The tabulated ballots show that only 665 students from the whole corps voted, while 230 of these were juniors, meaning that from the corps only one man out of ten voted. Last year a total of 1,030 students voted.

Junior yell leaders will be elected at a joint meeting of the sophomore and junior classes tonight at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Hall.

Junior Prom Plans Started; Committee Chairmen Named

Date for the Junior Prom has definitely been set and chairmen for the various committees have been appointed, announced Sid Smith, president of the Junior class late yesterday.

Those in charge of arrangements have set January 21 as the definite date for the ball, said Smith.

Bob Latimer has been appointed as general chairman for the prom, with the following heads to the various committees: Jack Lindley, banquet; Tom Inglis, dance; Doug Broussard, programs and invitations; Steuart Cartwright, finance, and Harry Saunders, decorations.

Juniors who would like to serve on the committees are asked to get in touch with the chairman of the committee they would like to be on. Smith urged haste, since the programs must be printed soon.

Clubs Must Pay for Longhorn Pictures

All student clubs and home town clubs that have not paid for their Longhorn pictures should do so positively before January 1, stated Johnny Longley, editor of the annual, yesterday. These payments should be made to the Student Activity Office.